

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty and concern for one's fellow man; and,

Whereas, Dorothy Getty was born December 13, 1948, to Carlton and Alice Getty, and she and her sister, Barb, grew up on a farm near Fulton, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Dorothy lived at the Locke Hotel in Pierre until her marriage to Gene Collett, followed by the arrival of their golden-curler, Lori; their soldier, Teddy, currently serving in Iraq; and their baby, Linda; and,

Whereas, Dorothy has been a reliable, hard-working, committed employee of the South Dakota State Library since April 16, 1971, working in Film, Serials, and Reference Services, with her employment beginning in the condemned grocery warehouse at 322 South Fort Street until they moved to the current location at 800 Governors Drive; and,

Whereas, Dorothy welcomes new State Library staff with her gift to make them feel at home, and trains staff by her example, teaching them an unwritten code of behavior that promotes good customer service; and,

Whereas, Dorothy also welcomes State Library patrons with patience, tact, and service, becoming the staff person most customers request for assistance, and as the Reference Associate, has served patrons with resourcefulness, mastering changing reference tools to meet customer needs; and,

Whereas, Only Dorothy could find the words to a song "Any Bonds Today" and assiduously provide research on diverse topics ranging from history of cartoons to articles about the "poor families" that had Christmas dinner with the governor in the 1930s; and,

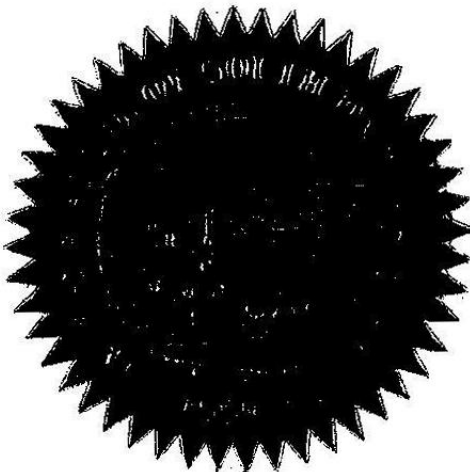
Whereas, Dorothy has continuously mastered new technology, creating the statistical reports that collect and summarize statistics from 13 staff and multiple electronic resources on a monthly basis, which she persuaded husband, Gene, to create gratis; and,

Whereas, Dorothy will retire on February 8, 2004, allowing her time to plan her garden and anticipate restful moments in her proposed new sun porch, but has promised to return as a "temporary employee" when needed by the Library:

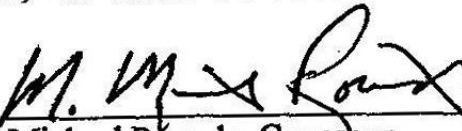
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 6, 2004, as

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in South Dakota, and I join her family and many friends from the South Dakota State Library in wishing her a fulfilling and happy retirement.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State